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Dyddiad/Date: Wednesday, 29 May 2019

Dear Councillor,

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A

A meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee A will be held in the Committee Rooms 2/3, Civic Offices Angel Street Bridgend CF31 4WB on **Tuesday, 4 June 2019 at 10:00.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
To receive apologies for absence from Members.
2. Declarations of Interest
To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interest (if any) from Members/Officers in accordance with the provisions of the Members Code of Conduct adopted by Council from 1 September 2008.
3. Approval of Minutes 3 - 4
To receive for approval the Minutes of the 07/05/2019
4. Application to Licence Private Hire Vehicle 5 - 8
5. Application to Licence Private Hire Vehicle 9 - 12
6. Urgent Items
To consider any other item(s) of business in respect of which notice has been given in accordance with Rule 4 of the Council Procedure Rules and which the person presiding at the meeting is of the opinion should by reason of special circumstances be transacted at the meeting as a matter of urgency.
7. Exclusion of the Public
The reports and minutes relating to the following items are not for publication as they contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation)(Wales) Order 2007.

If following the application of the public interest test the Committee resolves pursuant to the Act to consider these items in private, the public will be excluded from the meeting during

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such consideration.

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| 8. | <u>Approval of Exempt Minutes</u>
To receive for approval the exempt Minutes of the 07/05/2019 | 13 - 16 |
| 9. | <u>Application for Grant of Licences</u> | 17 - 30 |
| 10. | <u>Application for Renewal of Licences</u> | 31 - 44 |
| 11. | <u>Disciplinary Hearing for Existing Taxi Driver</u> | 45 - 48 |

Yours faithfully

K Watson

Head of Legal and Regulatory Services

Councillors:

TH Beedle

RJ Collins

MJ Kearns

Councillors

DRW Lewis

DG Owen

AA Pucella

Councillors

JE Williams

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A - TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2019

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE A HELD IN COMMITTEE ROOMS 2/3, CIVIC OFFICES ANGEL STREET BRIDGEND CF31 4WB TUESDAY, 7 MAY 2019, AT 10:00

Present

Councillor DRW Lewis – Chairperson

SE Baldwin

TH Beedle

AA Pucella

JE Williams

Apologies for Absence

RJ Collins

Officers

Ilaria Agostini

Senior Licensing Enforcement Officer

Daniel Cook

Licensing Policy Officer

Katia Daw

Lawyer

Julie Ellams

Democratic Services Officer – Committees

184. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

185. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of a meeting of the Licensing Sub- Committee (A) dated 12 March 2019, be approved as a true and accurate record.

186. APPLICATION TO LICENCE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLE

The Licensing Policy Officer reported that this application had been withdrawn.

187. URGENT ITEMS

None

188. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business as they contained exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12 of Part 4 and/or Paragraph 21 of Part 5 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Following the application of the public interest test it was resolved that pursuant to the Act referred to above, to consider the following items in private, with the public excluded from the meeting, as it was considered that in all circumstances relating to the items, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information,

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because the information would be prejudicial to the applicants so mentioned.

189. APPROVAL OF EXEMPT MINUTES

190. APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF LICENCES

The meeting closed at 10:50 am.

BRIDGEND COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO LICENSING SUB COMMITTEE

4 JUNE 2019

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

APPLICATION TO LICENCE PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the sub-committee to consider an application to grant a licence for a private hire vehicle.

2. Connection to corporate improvement objectives/other corporate priorities

- 2.1 There is no direct link to the Corporate Improvement Plan / Other Corporate Priority.

3. Background

- 3.1 It is the duty of the Local Authority to determine applications made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Town Police Clauses Act 1847. Applications which fall outside the policy guidelines are referred to a Licensing Sub-Committee for determination.

4. Current situation/proposal

- 4.1 Application is made by Peyton Travel Limited, to licence a Dacia Logan vehicle registration number LL66 RZK as a private hire vehicle to seat 4 persons.
- 4.2 The vehicle is pre-owned and was first registered at the DVLA on 30 November 2016.
- 4.3 The application falls outside the Private Hire Vehicle Policy approved by the Licensing Committee. The vehicle is not wheelchair accessible. For Members' information a service history has been provided dated 14 February 2018 with the mileage recorded at 10926.

4.4 Policy Guidelines

The vehicle policy applicable to this application was approved by the Licensing Committee on 10 March 2008. The relevant extract from the policy is as follows:

“(Policy 2.1) Applications for the first licensing of a hackney carriage or private hire vehicle should be submitted to the Council within 14 days of the first registration of the vehicle at the DVLA. The mileage at the time of application should be no greater than 500 miles. The applicant may be the second or a subsequent registered keeper but the applicant must demonstrate that there is no more than 14 days between the first registration and transfer to the applicant’s name. Applications will normally be dealt with under the Scheme of Delegation to Officers.

(Policy 2.2) Applications for the first licensing of vehicles falling outside the above policy guidelines will normally be refused but a relaxation of the policy may be considered in exceptional circumstances. The general guidelines for relaxation of the policy are as follows but each case will be dealt with on its merits:

(Policy 2.2.5) A relaxation of the policy will also be considered in exceptional circumstances for applications relating to the first licensing of private hire vehicles. The Council does not seek to limit or define a particular vehicle which is suitable but will adhere to the minimum standards for the size of seats and legroom etc which are available on request. Irrespective of the age of the vehicle it must be capable of satisfying the general licensing conditions and be fit for purpose as a private hire vehicle in terms of passenger safety and comfort. Each application will be reported to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination on its merits having regard to the following criteria:

- That the vehicle presented is in an exceptional condition in relation to its exterior and interior appearance with no evidence of defects, chips, marks or other evidence of unreasonable wear and tear or damage.*
- That the vehicle presented offers an exceptional standard of safety and comfort for passengers in terms of features offered for example ABS, passenger airbags and ability to meet current requirements on emissions testing.*
- That the application includes evidence that the vehicle has been serviced at the intervals recommended by the manufacturer and at an approved garage. Other relevant documentations such as an MOT certificate should also be provided.*

(Policy 2.4) All applicants should be satisfied that they can meet all current policy requirements before submitting an application and are advised that they submit an application which falls outside the above policy guidelines at their own risk. Acceptance of an application does not infer that it will be granted. Applicants are strongly advised not to purchase a vehicle or make any other financial commitment until the application is determined.”

5. Effect upon policy framework and procedure rules

5.1 None

6. Equality Impact Assessment

6.1 This vehicle is not for wheelchair use. There are no other implications in relation to age; disability; gender and transgender; race; religion or belief and non-belief; sexual orientation.

7. Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 implications

7.1 The well-being goals identified in the Act were considered in the preparation of this report. It is considered that there will be no significant or unacceptable impacts upon the achievement of well-being goals/objectives as a result of this report.

8. Financial implications

8.1 None for the authority

9. Recommendation

9.1 The Sub-Committee is asked to determine the application having regard to the information contained within this report.

Kelly Watson
HEAD OF LEGAL AND REGULATORY SERVICES

Date 29 May 2019

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